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DOPE DEATH CALLED MURDER

A Penny for your Thoughts

The Pennies photographer asked five of the city's crossing guards, "Why did you decide to accept this job as a crossing guard?"

Mrs. Jeanne Woolheater, 1995 Burin Ave.:
"My 3-year-old daughter was hit by a car, so I thought this way I could help prevent similar accidents to small children. I worked with adults a lot, and children are much more rewarding to work with."

Mrs. Wynoa Doran, 1922 Talisman St.:
"I like to get out of the house once in a while, and this gives me the opportunity to get out and work with the small children. It is a necessary job to protect the school children, and I like it very much."

Mrs. Ann Bennett, 5039 Hallson St.:
"I do it to protect school children. My corner is so busy, and the drivers are careless and have to be watched. I like the job and it gives me a good feeling to know I may help prevent deaths because of accidents."

Mrs. Hazel Meeker, 1024 Maple Ave.:
"My brother, who is a captain in the Police reserve, thought this would be a good job for me since I like children so much. You know that you are helping the children get to school safely every day, and it is very rewarding."

Mrs. Lena Basile, 1812 Gramercy Ave.:
"I love children. I worked with children for as long as I can remember. And, of course, it is a way to make a living. It is a parttime job and allows me to work at home and help here. It is an ideal way for older people to work."

Celebration Hails Major Improvement

Ceremonies marking the completion of the Downtown Business District project will be held tonight at 7 o'clock at the corner of El Prado and Sartori Avenue.

Mayor Albert Isen, Chamber of Commerce president George Post, and Abe Robinson, president of the Downtown Retail Merchants Assn., will participate in the gala ceremonies. The official ribbon cutting will mark the completion of the \$100,000 project.

Hunt for Victim Of Crash

A three-hour search for a 4-year-old girl believed to have been tossed into a drainage sump as the result of an accident early Sunday was called off when it was finally determined that the driver of the vehicle was its only occupant.

The search began after Marjorie Roof, 32, of 2012 Cabrillo Ave., was hospitalized for injuries she received when her car plunged into a drainage sump at 190th Street and Hawthorne Avenue. She told attendants at the hospital that a 4-year-old girl was with her.

Although the victim was described as in a state of shock and police had her two children at the station, a thorough search was begun on the chance that another child might have been in the car.

central business district and provide additional parking facilities. Center dividers have been planted with trees, and two large planters provide a mall-like atmosphere for shoppers. The addition of a music system has also been completed.

AS PART of the opening ceremonies, the Torrance High School Marching Band and the Torrance Area Youth Bands will play. Two other music groups, "The Imperials" and "The Coachmen" will tour the area during the evening and on Friday. A large merry-go-round will be open and a puppet show has been scheduled for Friday evening at 7.

All stores will be open until 9 p.m. tonight through Saturday. Special sales marking the opening are being held in every store.

A special 16-page supplement appears in The HERALD today to guide shoppers.

City Marks FAA Day November 3

Sunday, Nov. 3, has been proclaimed Federal Aviation Day in Torrance by Mayor Albert Isen. The mayor issued the proclamation to mark the completion and dedication of the new Torrance Airport runway.



FIXING THE BLAME . . . Marty Quay of 22511 Meyler leaves no doubt in anyone's mind as to who crumpled the right front fender on the family sedan. He has painted "hers" with an arrow pointing to the fender which has been partially pounded out. His wife, Ann, takes the ribbing good naturedly and is actually relieved with the humor since she had her driver's license only about a month before she collided with a parked truck and thought her husband would be "furious." (Herald Photo)

21-Year-Old Due in Court For Hearing

A 21-year-old Long Beach resident was arraigned yesterday on a charge of murder after a coroner's report determined heroin was the cause of the death of a Torrance teenager.

Patrick Ronald O'Hare, 1443 Jackson St., Long Beach, was arraigned before Judge William B. Keene in the South Bay Municipal Court. Judge Keene ordered O'Hare to appear for a preliminary hearing on the charge tomorrow in his courtroom.

O'Hare was served with the murder warrant after a coroner's autopsy revealed that Gilbert Nicolas, 18, of 23633 Madison Ave., had died of an overdose of heroin. The youth was found by his mother on Oct. 3 and was pronounced dead on arrival at a hospital.

O'Hare was arrested when it was determined he was with the youth the evening before. Officers said he had heroin on himself when arrested. Also arrested were Kenneth Jarrett, 21; and a 17-year-old boy. The youth is now in juvenile hall awaiting disposition by juvenile authorities. Jarrett has been released.

Narcotics investigators were called in when needle marks were discovered on the dead youth's arm. O'Hare was arrested and booked on a charge of possession shortly afterward. The murder warrant was issued after the cause of death had been confirmed.

Isen Case Continued To Oct. 30

The arraignment of Mayor Albert Isen on a misdemeanor charge of drunk driving was continued to Oct. 30 in Compton Municipal Court yesterday. Isen, 55, was booked on the charge last Thursday evening after his car collided with a parked truck on 228th Street near Petroleum Avenue in the Carson area. Isen suffered a lacerated lip which was treated at Harbor General Hospital.

Earlier this week, the mayor said the accident was a result of an attempt on his life. He was quoted as saying that someone had tried to force him off the road.

The mayor failed a sobriety test administered after the accident, according to the California Highway Patrol. Isen said he failed the test because he was frightened at the attempt to kill him.

The accident occurred about 8:45 p.m. last Thursday. The mayor remains free on bail of \$262, pending his appearance on Oct. 30.

Lomita Boulevard May Become Freeway Route

The possibility that Lomita Boulevard may become a major freeway was raised during discussion of a tentative tract map at Tuesday's City Council meeting.

Councilman J. A. Beasley, a member of the Inter-cities Highway Commission, said the Lomita Boulevard right-of-way has been suggested as a possible route for the proposed Pacific Freeway. He said the route had been "visually inspected" by the state department of highways, and would be studied when the Pacific Freeway planning begins.

The Pacific Freeway is currently proposed to come down the coast from the Malibu area and turn inland into Long Beach.

BEASLEY LATER told The HERALD nothing definite has been decided, but a study of the proposal has been promised by the state. He said he had proposed the Pacific Freeway route follow the Torrance-Redondo Beach city line and turn eastward on the Lomita Boulevard right-of-way. He also said a second route follows Pacific Coast Highway, but anticipated construction costs could be extremely high if the freeway cuts into the hills south of the highway.

The discussion in the council meeting centered around a controversy between developers of a 41-lot tract near Ocean Avenue and 230th Street. The subdivider, Kenland Development Co., had asked that the required improvements on Lomita Boulevard be waived. The request was submitted because rights-of-way on either side of the tract have not been dedicated.

Rights-of-way for the street between Hawthorne Avenue and Palos Verdes Boulevard have been partially dedicated, but no work has been done on the street.

COUNCILMEN finally agreed to require only improvements

normally required on residential streets. Kenland Development Co. will install curbs, gutters, and sidewalks, and pay the cost of paving a normal 40-foot residential street. The city will pick up the remainder of the tab.

A request from C. N. Cake that the city do make-up paving on Torrance Boulevard in front of a new subdivision created some confusion about the city's policy on major streets in subdivisions. The council held Cake's request and asked its street committee to study the current policy.

IN OTHER matters, the council:

- Held for study a proposed vacation of 235th Street from Hawthorne Avenue to Madison Street and asked for a report on the status of the area;
- Approved the vacation of 228th Street from Sepulveda Boulevard to the Santa Fe Railway right-of-way, pending the opening of Border Avenue;
- Approved a request for a Boy Scout parade on Torrance Boulevard on Feb. 8, subject to the license and other conditions;
- Rejected bids on a packer chassis for the city and ordered the bids readvertised; and
- Approved the purchase of rain gear for the Police Department.

College Planning Ordered

Campus planning for the new four-year state college slated for this area has been authorized by the campus planning and development committee of the state college Board of Trustees.

The committee directed the architectural firm of Jones and Emmons to begin work on "planning principles" for the Palos Verdes Peninsula site. Work was ordered because of fears that the college may not be able to open on schedule if further delays are encountered.

The college, officially named the California State College at Palos Verdes, is due to begin classes in the fall of 1965.

REPORTS ON land values ordered by the State Board of Public Works are not expected to be ready before January. The reports were ordered at the meeting of the board last month. The public works board is now in the process of making.

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New Carson Incorporation Group Forms

Attorney John W. McDonnell has been elected temporary chairman of the Citizens for Carson Cityhood. McDonnell was elected to the office at a meeting of the group Monday evening.

The committee is now being formed to support incorporation proceedings for the Carson area. Petitions for incorporation, accepted by the Board of Supervisors last week, were signed by about 30 per cent of the voters in the area.

The group asked that all persons interested in becoming charter members call the executive secretary, Sylvia Sosnik.

Councilmen Vote No on MTA Taxes

City Councilmen went on record Tuesday evening as opposed to added property taxes for the financing of a rapid transit system in Los Angeles County.

The council adopted a resolution asking that any rapid transit system be self-supporting.

The resolution was adopted in answer to a recent proposal by the Metropolitan Transit Authority for additional property taxes to finance a system for the county.



FUTILE SEARCH . . . Police officer Richard C. Winne probes sump at 190th Street and Hawthorne Avenue for possible accident victim early Sunday while Sgt. James Foster checks from the bank. They were joined later by Officer Donald Morrison in a wet suit and suba gear, and the fire department sent men to drag the sump with grappling equipment. It was learned later that there was no one in the water. (Herald Photo)

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